

wherein the weight-average molecular weight (MwL) and the 1 cm drawdown time (sec) of a resin sheet satisfy the following formula:

$$1 \text{ cm drawdown time (sec)} > (\text{MwL}/10^4) - 4.0.$$

2. (Amended) The rubber-modified styrenic resin as claimed in claim 1, wherein the continuous phase has a degree of branching of from 0.2 to 1.0 for an absolute molecular weight of 1,000,000 measured in GPC/LALLS.

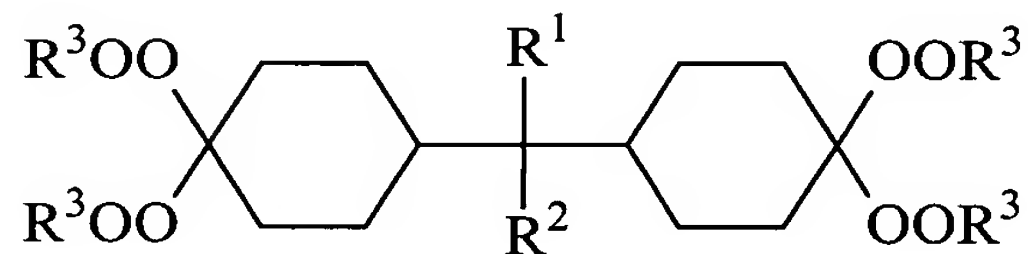
3. (Amended) The rubber-modified styrenic resin as claimed in claim 1, wherein the rubbery polymer content is between 3 and 12 % by mass.

4. (Amended) A method for producing the rubber-modified styrenic resin of claim 1, comprising

polymerizing a rubbery polymer and a monomer component consisting essentially of a styrenic monomer in the presence of a polyfunctional initiator, wherein an amount of the polyfunctional initiator is between 50 and 500 ppm relative to the monomer component consisting essentially of a styrenic monomer.

5. (Amended) The method for producing a rubber-modified styrenic resin as claimed in claim 4, wherein an amount of the polyfunctional initiator is between 100 and 500 ppm relative to the monomer component consisting essentially of a styrenic monomer.

6. (Amended) The method for producing the rubber-modified styrenic resin as claimed in claim 4, wherein the polyfunctional initiator is a tetrafunctional organic compound of the following formula:



wherein R¹ and R² each represent a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 or 2 carbon atoms; and R³ represents an alkyl group having from 1 to 8 carbon atoms.

7. (Amended) The method for producing the rubber-modified styrenic resin as claimed in claim 4, wherein the polyfunctional initiator is 2,2-bis(4,4-di-t-butylperoxycyclohexyl)propane.

8. (Amended) A method for producing the rubber-modified styrenic resin of claim 1,
comprising

polymerizing a rubbery polymer and a monomer component consisting essentially of a styrenic monomer in the presence of an unsaturated compound having a plurality of copolymerizing double bonds, wherein an amount of the unsaturated compound is between 50 and 250 ppm relative to the monomer component consisting essentially of a styrenic monomer.

9. (Amended) A rubber-modified styrenic resin sheet prepared by molding the rubber-modified styrenic resin of claim 1.